

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 1907.
Fair and slightly warmer to-day and to-morrow; light to fresh southerly winds.

BLAME CANFIELD FOR FAILURE

MILLS BROS. & CO., FORCED TO ASSIGN, SAY HE WELCHED.

His Lawyers Say the Firm Sold for His Account Without Authorization—At Any Rate He Lost, and the Street Is Glad Some of Its Money Came Back to It.

Mills Bros. & Co., bankers and brokers, of 71 Wall street, made a general assignment yesterday morning for the benefit of creditors, with liabilities of between \$100,000 and \$200,000, and a seat on the New York Stock Exchange worth about \$75,000, as the principal asset. The failure was considered of no importance in the Street from a financial point of view, but it was the all-absorbing subject of conversation there when it became known, shortly after the announcement of the suspension on the floor of the Exchange at 11 o'clock, that the trouble was largely due to Richard Canfield of Forty-fourth street, Saratoga and other places. Wall Street said he welched.

The firm is composed of young men and was formed only two years ago. S. Frederic Mills, J. Harry Mason, Jr., and Philip C. Mills are the three partners. S. F. Mills, the senior member, is in the early thirties, and his brother, Philip O. Mills, who is the board member, has only been out of college two years. He was in the class of 1905 at Harvard and was very well known and liked there. He was secretary of his class and played on the varsity football team for three years.

It was suggested that the youth of the members accounted partly for the fact that last August Richard Canfield was allowed to open an account. At first he was on the bear side and made big profits. There was no trouble between him and his brokers then. That did not begin to develop until he turned to the bull side early this year and his profits began to slip away.

"I am losing more money down in Wall Street," he said to a close friend of his at that time, "than I can make in legitimate business."

When this remark was repeated in the Street yesterday the brokers seemed very well satisfied to hear that the money which some of them had invested in Canfield's "business" without much return except in the form of experience was finding its way back to the Street.

As to what happened after the tide turned the stories presented by Canfield and by Mills Bros. differ very materially. The only point they agreed on was that the whole matter would be brought to the courts. Canfield claims that Mills Bros. owe him several thousand dollars. On Thursday Mills Bros. offered to pay Canfield the amount they considered due him, which is said to be \$60,000, on condition that he would agree to give up all other claims. The offer was refused and Mills Bros. decided that in that event, with the difficulty they had along other lines in making collections on accounts due them, it was best to suspend. The assignment was made to Edward Harding of the law firm of Campbell, Harding & Pratt, and Mr. Campbell of the same firm became his attorney.

Canfield is in Saratoga and refused yesterday to discuss the matter. H. Snowden Marshall of Seattle and Marshall, his counsel, presented his side of the case. "Mr. Canfield," he said, "has at all times kept his margin at Mills Bros. intact, and has always responded to notices from them for an increase of funds on deposit. He charges that the brokers have made transactions involving the loss of several hundred thousand dollars without getting any authority from him. He has done no further business with them since early in the year. I don't know the date of his last authorized transaction, but it was some time prior to March 14. Since that time he has been threatening to bring suit for the amount which he claims is due him, but has obtained no satisfaction."

Frank A. Lord of Rand, Moffat & Webb, counsel for Mills Bros. & Co., began his side of the case by denying the story that Canfield's charges that the sales were unauthorized and his statement that his margin was always sufficient. "Mills Bros.," he said, "notified Mr. Canfield on several occasions that his margin was exhausted, and when he failed to respond they closed out his stock, as they had a right to do. The courts have upheld the brokers in this time and time again. Any charges which Mr. Canfield chooses to bring he will undoubtedly bring in a lawsuit and we shall be there to answer them. We offered yesterday to pay him what we considered was due to him from the firm, and our offer was refused. Although his claim is the principal one against the firm, it is not the only cause of the assignment. The inability to collect accounts payable and the depreciation of securities are two other factors."

It was declared that the failure of J. W. Henning in September, 1906, was not a cause. Henning was understood to be a debtor to the Mills firm at that time to the extent of \$75,000, but at a large proportion of this was settled in cash and the rest in paper. Around the Street Canfield's charges about unauthorized sales were not taken very seriously. It was pointed out that when a man opens a margin account with a broker he does it with his eyes open, knowing that a sudden drop in the market may wipe him out.

"There are always a lot of suits brought by people of Canfield's stamp," said a man yesterday who is a big operator and constantly in danger himself of being sold out on a slump in price, "after a big bear market. These men expect their brokers to carry them through at their own cost when their margin does not hold out, and if the broker is being hard pressed himself for cash and is forced to sell them out they come back with a lawsuit. They are the worst kind of welters. Canfield knows all about that. The Wall Street game is not new to him—he was in Wassermann's Reading pool."

This pool was formed last year when Reading was selling at par and was one of the most successful ever formed. It marked Reading up to 100 and then got out at the top. Ever since then Reading has been a favorite with Canfield, it is said, and he was said to have been heavily long of this stock when he was sold out by Mills Bros. Mr. Marshall said yesterday that he did not know whether Canfield was still ahead of the game of stock speculation or not. "He made a big haul on the bear side," Mr. Marshall said, "and then he had some

NIJARAGUA TO WAR AGAIN?

Report in Washington That She Plans to Invade Salvador Once More.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—Central American diplomats in Washington are much exercised over a report which has reached Washington to the effect that Nicaraguan forces are planning another invasion of Salvador. No definite information has been received at the State Department, but a rumor has reached here that an expedition is being fitted out for that purpose. Señor Mejia, the Salvadoran Minister to the United States, left Washington two days ago for a short vacation in New England, but got no further than New York when he was called back on account of the threatened trouble. He has cabled to his Government for information, but thus far has heard nothing definite.

FIGHTS A SNAKE IN MIDAIR.

Reptile Descends a Rope From Which a Blaster is Suspended in a Quarry.

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 22.—John Hutchinson, a blaster at the workhouse quarries along the Delaware River, had a midair encounter with a big pit snake to-day that resulted in the suspension of all quarry work for the rest of the day. A hundred quarrymen watched the fight unable to give any assistance. Hutchinson had been lowered over the side of the quarry and was suspended about a hundred feet from the top and seventy-five feet from the bottom of the hole when his attention was attracted by a peculiar gliding movement on the rope above him. First he thought that the rope was giving way, but a moment later he saw that the movement was that of a large pit snake which had slid onto the rope from a projecting crag and was leisurely making its way in his direction.

Escape was impossible and Hutchinson's danger was increased by the fact that he was carrying in his hand a stick of dynamite and a small drill. He dared not drop the dynamite for fear of the consequences and it was impossible for him to put up a fight with it in his hand. He managed to shove the dynamite into a pocket and then prepared to give battle, with the small drill as a weapon.

As the snake came within reach Hutchinson aimed a blow at its head, but the swinging of the rope made the blow a glancing one and the snake continued its downward course. The second blow was more successful and seemed to stun the reptile, which still maintained its hold on the rope but swung its head from side to side as though dazed. Another blow ended the fight, the snake uncoiling from the rope and dropping into the pit below.

SORRY ROOSEVELT JUMPED IN.

John Burroughs Would Have Had Him Abolished From "Nature Fakes" Fess.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Aug. 22.—John Burroughs, the author naturalist, is back at his home, Slatkides, in the mountains west of this city, after a vacation trip with his son Julian by motor boat to Lake Champlain. While away he visited Irving Batchelor, the novelist, at Tupper Lake in the Adirondacks. In answer to a query about the controversy over nature fakes, which was started by President Roosevelt's denunciation of William J. Long, Mr. Burroughs expressed regret that the President had jumped into the fray. He added: "But he is so keenly interested and so indignant at some of the things he sees that there is no use trying to dissuade him. He must take his part, and he is right about it."

Mr. Burroughs enjoyed his summer outing almost as much as he did the trip with the President in the Western world. He and his son cooked their own meals and camped out along the route.

PAUPER WITH A BANK ACCOUNT.

Being the Singular Case of Miss Bridget Martin of Utica Inmate Asylum.

UTICA, Aug. 22.—Miss Bridget Martin, for twenty-one years a supposed pauper patient at the Utica State Hospital for the Insane, has a substantial bank account. The State will now be reimbursed for her care.

Miss Martin, it appears, is now nearly 60 years old and from the time she was 20 years old worked for one family in this city. When she lost her mind, twenty-one years ago, she had saved up more than \$8,000 and unknown to any one had deposited the money in the Utica Savings Bank. It has been drawing interest until the amount on deposit exceeds \$9,000.

No funds were found when Miss Martin was sent to the asylum and she was committed as a charity patient. Ten days ago the president of the bank and the superintendent of the hospital were taking dinner at a club and the subject of conversation turned to the matter of unclaimed deposits in the vaults of the bank. The bank president casually remarked that there was a Miss Martin who had a sum of money on deposit in the institution and that the bank officers had for over twenty years been unable to obtain any trace of her. The mystery of her disappearance was soon solved by the hospital superintendent.

The matter came to attention in a proxy court order returnable before Judge Prichard in the matter of a claim of the State hospital against Attorney E. L. Hockridge, as committee, etc. of Miss Bridget Martin.

MARION STORY KILLS HIMSELF

ALONE AT HOME, HE SENDS A BULLET INTO HIS HEAD.

Was Julian Story's Brother, a Miniature Painter, Yachtsman and Horse Show Exhibitor—Returned From Europe Recently—Once Declared Insane.

Marion Story, the miniature painter, brother of Julian Story, the artist, and also well known as an enthusiastic yachtsman and exhibitor in the horse show, shot himself in the head with a revolver in the library of his home on his estate, Blind Brook Farm, near Port Chester, last night. He died before medical attention could reach him.

The servants said that Mr. Story was alone in the house when he shot himself. He had come back from his office in New York early in the afternoon and had dined alone. Soon after dinner he went into the library. About 9 o'clock the servants on the floor below heard a shot and running to the library they saw Mr. Story stretched on the floor below his chair with the revolver just beyond his finger tips.

Doctors were telephoned for, but before they could arrive from Port Chester the wounded man died. He had not regained consciousness. Coroner Wiesendanger of Yonkers was notified and appointed a deputy to take charge of the body.

Mr. Story had not been long back from Europe. He spent the early months of the summer in Germany and Spain seeking health and rest. His wife, it is said, is now in Spain. Since his return from Europe Mr. Story had lived alone in the large house on his estate near Port Chester, entertaining little and seeming to be depressed.

It is the opinion of friends of the dead man that he had never fully recovered from the attack of insanity which overtook him a year ago. Very suddenly it was announced on April 24, 1906, that County Judge Platt of Westchester county had signed commitment papers after an examination by Dr. E. R. Schmidt of Bloomingdale asylum and two other physicians. Mr. Story was taken to Bloomingdale on April 22 and remained there until April 11 of this year, when he was removed to a private ward in the New York Hospital. His stay there was brief and he went directly to Florida upon being discharged as cured. He left Florida for Europe about a month later.

Overwork in Wall Street and business worries were attributed by his friends as the cause for Mr. Story's temporary insanity. Since his return from Europe he had been active in the financial district, but those who know him declare that he had met no serious reverses and that his large fortune had not been in any way imperiled.

In April last Julian Story, the brother of Marion, was sued for a divorce by Emma Farnes, the opera singer. At the time the report of the disagreement between the artist and his artist wife was first published Marion Story refused to speak for his brother in any regard, saying that he had not known of Julian's affairs for many years.

Marion Story was the son of W. W. Story, the poet and sculptor, and a grandson of Justice Joseph Story of the Supreme Court. At an early age he showed the same artistic tendencies as his brother Julian and was educated under European masters. He never undertook art as a profession, preferring to follow a life of business. His independent fortune, inherited from his father, left him free to indulge his taste for sport.

He was one of the enthusiastic racers of the New York, the Larchmont and Atlantic yacht clubs. In the course of his many years' connection with those organizations he sailed many fast boats and took a prominent part on racing committees. Mr. Story was also one of the chief promoters of the National Horse Show Association. Many of his horses were entered each season and some of the honors went to his stables. He belonged to the Westchester Hunt Club, the Westchester County Club and the Apawamis Golf Club. He numbered among his city club the Knickerbocker, Harvard, Raquet and Luncheon.

RICHARD MANSFIELD AT HOME.

Actor Reaches New London—Stood the Trip Well.

NEW LONDON, Aug. 22.—Shortly after 1 o'clock to-day Richard Mansfield, the actor, arrived from Amersham, N. Y., in the private coach Commonwealth.

Mr. Mansfield walked feebly along the aisle of the car, assisted by his wife and brother Felix, and with the action descended the steps and entered a carriage. From the railroad station Mr. Mansfield was driven to his new cottage, Seven Acres, on Pequot avenue a short distance from The Grange, which the family occupied last season.

An invalid's chair was at the railroad station awaiting Mr. Mansfield and another invalid's chair was also at the cottage, but neither was brought into the actor walking, with assistance, from the carriage to the cottage door, a distance of about fifty feet.

Mr. Mansfield's brother Felix this evening reported the actor to have stood the journey well and said he showed great interest in surveying his property along Pequot avenue. He did not lie down during the trip from Amersham, nor did he seem to need rest on arriving at home.

"Mr. Mansfield will take a long rest," said the brother, "and there is no reason to believe that he will not be able to return to the stage in 1909. The reports in several newspapers about my brother's health have been greatly exaggerated. He is now back in his old home and I assure you he is delighted to be here."

EDWARDS WILL PULL THROUGH.

Man Who Was Lost in the Woods Is Getting Strong Again.

OLD FORGE, N. Y., Aug. 22.—William P. Edwards, the expert accountant of Utica who was lost nine days in the woods, is showing remarkable recuperative powers and it is not at all likely that he will die. A telephone message received here to-night from "Woodruff Camp" at Lake Kora, where Mr. Edwards was carried last night, says that the patient was doing far better than was expected. He gains strength hourly and is able now to eat some solid food.

BIG FIRE IN CINCINNATI.

Loss More Than \$1,000,000 and the Flames Not Checked.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 22.—Fire destroyed to-night the greater part of four blocks bounded by Hunt street, Broadway and Court street and at 11:30 the flames were not under control.

The loss is estimated at considerable more than \$1,000,000. Several persons were injured, but none fatally. The buildings burned include the following: The warehouse of the Kroger Grocery Company, which conducts sixty retail stores; the Krebber Printing Company, Eagle White Lead works, Edna Smelting and Refining works, Roberts Lumber yards, Morrison & Snodgrass Planing mill and Burdick's Wagon works.

PRINCE WILLIAM AT NEWPORT.

Receives Official Greetings and Attends Mrs. Phipps' Dinner in His Honor.

NEWPORT, Aug. 22.—Prince Wilhelm of Sweden, who is to spend the remainder of the week in Newport, arrived this morning on the cruiser Erylia. His arrival was announced by the firing of the national salute by the cruiser and an answer by Fort Adams.

During the Prince's stay he will be entertained by the members of the summer colony with a round of dinners, luncheons and dances.

Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish this evening gave a dinner for 100 guests in honor of the Prince. This was followed by a dance given by Mrs. Edward J. Berwind.

In the afternoon the Prince sent one of his staff to pay his respects to the commanding officers of the various army and navy stations at Newport, which visits were later returned.

TEXAS SUES HARVESTER TRUST.

Seeks to Out Company From State and to Collect \$1,000,000 Penalties.

AUSTIN, Tex., Aug. 22.—Suit was filed this afternoon by the Attorney-General's department for the State of Texas against the International Harvester Company of America, which does business under a charter granted in Wisconsin.

The petition alleges that the defendant has violated the anti-trust law of Texas, and the State demands penalties in the sum of \$1,000,000.

It is further alleged that this concern has formed an unlawful combine with the following companies: McCormick Harvester and Machinery Company, Deering Harvester Company, Plano Manufacturing Company, Warder, Bushnell & Glesner Company, Minneapolis Harvester Company, D. Osborne & Co. and Aultman Manufacturing Company.

WILL RUN AGAINST FAIRBANKS.

Indiana Prohibitionists Find a Candidate for Delegate to Methodist Conference.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 22.—A quiet canvass prominent members of the Methodist Church for a candidate against Mr. Fairbanks for delegate to the quadrennial conference of the church at Baltimore has resulted in bringing Samuel L. Wilson, for twenty-six years a member of Grace Church, into the race as the candidate of the temperance element.

Ever since it began to be rumored that Mr. Fairbanks had served cocktails and three kinds of wine at the dinner to President Roosevelt on Memorial Day the Phalanx, the prohibition organ, has waged unrelenting war on the Vice-President and has demanded that the church refuse to send him as a delegate to the quadrennial conference.

Many conscientious Methodists have become impressed with the arguments advanced against Mr. Fairbanks, but it has been difficult to find any one who cared to stand as a candidate against the Vice-President.

TO EXTRADITE DE FETTES.

The Count Is Under Indictment Here as a Kidnapper.

Gov. Hughes yesterday signed extradition papers for Count Gylde de Fettes, a Hungarian artist, who is under arrest at Port Amoy, N. J., charged with kidnapping his nine-year-old son Dwight on March 29 last.

De Fettes, who says he is a real Hungarian count, has been arrested probably a dozen times since 1900 on a charge of kidnapping his son. At one time he brought suit against his wife's attorney for alienating her affections and last October he brought a divorce suit, which has not been decided.

Count has insisted at the various court hearings that he wanted to get the boy away from his mother because she is a believer in Christian Science and the boy is suffering from a spinal trouble which needs something besides Christian Science treatment.

AN INVOLUNTARY SEAGOER.

But Mr. Burton Found Pleasant Company on the Deutschland.

J. S. Burton, an American resident of London, was an involuntary passenger by the Hamburg-American liner Deutschland, in yesterday from Hamburg, Southampton and Cherbourg. He boarded the ship at Cherbourg to say good-by to an old friend, A. S. Chisholm of Duluth, and became so much interested in two young women voyagers that he forgot to take the tender back to French soil.

ELIHU ROOT IN A SANITARIUM

THE SECRETARY TAKING A REST AT MULDOON'S PLACE.

Has Been in Poor Health for Some Time and Is Getting in Shape for His Work at Washington—Has His Secretary With Him and Is Attending to Business.

It became known yesterday that Elihu Root, Secretary of State, is recuperating at William Muldoon's sanitarium near White Plains.

Mr. Root went to Muldoon's place several days ago, accompanied by his secretary. Although he was suffering from overwork and fatigue, he has been able through his secretary to attend to pressing affairs. He has kept in close touch with President Roosevelt at Oyster Bay.

When Mr. Root was at the Hamilton College commencement in June friends noticed that he was not in the best of health. He has been taking it easy all summer, spending most of his time at his place in Clinton.

On August 13 he was at Oyster Bay, in conference with President Roosevelt, Secretary Taft and Postmaster-General Meyer. Part of the business of the conference was to look over the speech Secretary Taft was to deliver in Columbus. Mrs. Root accompanied her husband and they spent the night at Sagamore Hill.

At that time Mr. Root reiterated his denial that he had any intention of resigning from the Cabinet. Apparently it was in order to get into good shape for his duties at Washington that he decided on a short stay at Muldoon's place.

Muldoon, who used to be a champion wrestler, has had many distinguished guests at his place, which is about two miles from White Plains. Many fighters have trained there. Joseph H. Choate also spent some time there.

A part of the routine at the Muldoon sanitarium is to rise at daybreak, milk the cows, work in the fields and then eat breakfast to trudge ten or fifteen miles across the Westchester hills. The remainder of the day is put in with horseback riding, sparring under the direction of Mr. Muldoon, bathing and reading the newspapers.

It is not known whether or not the Secretary of State is following the regular course of exercises, but he has been seen out horseback riding and in a touring car.

FIND ANOTHER JAR OF MONEY.

New York Relatives of Cleveland, the North Carolina Hermit, Unearth \$12,000.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Aug. 22.—Another jar full of money belonging to the late J. W. Cleveland of Salem, N. Y., who was known as "the hermit" on account of the secluded life he led, has been unearthed.

A systematic search has been made of Cleveland's home by Henry J. Cleveland, a brother, from New York State, who reported to-day to Clerk Merwin of the Superior Court that about \$12,000 has been found.

Money was found hidden in many places and several full jars were found buried in the ground underneath the Cleveland home, where he had lived for twenty years with an old negro servant and bodyguard.

Mr. Cleveland was 80 years old and had for twenty years denied himself to all callers. He made neither friends nor acquaintances and was a picturesque character. He lived in the mountains about twelve miles from Asheville and owned several hundred acres of land. Many valuable papers were also found and stocks and bonds to the amount of \$10,000 or more.

WEARY COP HOW WANTS TO QUIT.

But Who Has Got to Stay Until Gen. Bingham Returns.

Policeman William T. Holmes of the Church street station wants to quit his job and he can't. He was on trial before Deputy Commissioner Hanson yesterday, charged by Acting Captain Nugent with being absent without leave for five days. He appeared in civilian clothes, and when asked what explanation he had to offer he said he had become weary of the job.

"Here's my shield, Commissioner," he said. "I haven't got the authority to accept your shield or your resignation." Deputy Hanson replied, "but I'll recommend you to resign." "You'll have an opportunity to quit," said Holmes, "but I suppose I'll have to remain on the force against my will until Gen. Bingham gets back."

As acting Commissioner, O'Keefe has not the power to dismiss a policeman in Gen. Bingham's absence.

READ OUT BY HEARSITES.

Judge O'Brien, Allen C. Beach and John Carlske Reconstituted for Boiling.

WATKINS, N. Y., Aug. 22.—Judge O'Brien of the Court of Appeals, ex-Lieut. Gov. Allen C. Beach, ex-State Committee member John N. Carlske and a number of other prominent Democrats who last fall bolted Hearst were last night read out of the caucus in their ward and cannot be candidates for office or delegates to any convention until they have purged themselves of their so-called treachery by supporting a regular nominee of the Democratic party for President or Governor next year.

In the city caucus last night all delegates and committeemen were last year identified with the Independence League movement.

FORTY HOURS OF FARO.

Robert Tucker Sat Through at Saratoga Without a Break—Won \$8,800.

SARATOGA, Aug. 22.—The longest single sitting at a faro bank recorded in recent years was ended at 10 o'clock this morning when Robert Tucker, the horseman, cashed in his checks at the Manhattan Club. Tucker sat down at the table at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening, buying \$2,000 worth of checks. His play was uninterrupted except for the change of dealers. He took his meals and his drinks of spring water from the layout.

The game ceased from one side to the other. Tucker never getting more than about 3,000 to the good or bad in the whole period of play.

At 10 o'clock this morning, after forty hours of play, Tucker yawned and said that the game seemed hard to beat and he would cash in. He quit \$8,800.

WOODRUFF AT OYSTER BAY.

Drops in on a Yacht and Sees Loeb, but Not the President.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., August 22.—Timothy L. Woodruff sailed into the harbor yesterday. He came unannounced, called at the Executive office to see Secretary Loeb and took the secretary for a little sail on the Nomad, which belongs to a Mr. Guilik of Brooklyn. According to Mr. Loeb, Mr. Woodruff did not see the President and his visit had nothing to do with politics.

When Mr. Loeb was reminded that Mr. Woodruff had said in New York yesterday that he was hurrying to catch a train for his camp in the Adirondacks, his only reply was: "Well, how could he have gone to his camp when he was here this afternoon?" No one had the answer.

Mr. Loeb said that Mr. Woodruff was bound for Larchmont, where he would take an automobile for New York and catch a train for the Adirondacks.

WASHINGTON BANK ROBBED.

American National Employee Thought to Be in Arizona With Stolen Money.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—Edwin H. Potts, until a few days ago an employee of the American National Bank of this city, is missing and the police are looking for him on a charge of having stolen \$11,000 of certificates of Erie Railroad stock. The police have learned that he deposited a part of the securities with a Baltimore banking house as collateral for a loan. He is believed to be somewhere in Arizona with the rest. He was under bond in the sum of \$20,000.

JOE AKKIOJOGLAU.

Has It Made Into Joe White, Which It Means in Turkey.

Joe Akkiojoglau got permission yesterday from Justice Brady of the Supreme Court to call himself Joe White after November 1 next.

Joe is a Turk, and his name means "white" in Constantinople, though Joe himself is a good slanna as to complexion. Joe complained that his acquaintances here couldn't quite get around his name. Justice Brady remarked that he didn't blame them.

POLICEMAN ROBBED.

Of Part of His Uniform, Shield and Watch—He Wants Protection.

Patrolman John Hoodlin entered the West Forty-seventh street station last night very angry. He was dressed in plain clothes.

"I want to make a complaint," said he to the lieutenant. "I left my flat at 384 Tenth avenue early to-night and when I returned I found the trousers of my uniform, my shield, my signal box key and my gold watch gone. The back window was open. I want this case investigated and better police protection over there."

BAND PLAYS ITS WAY IN.

Italian "Artist" Oblige Ellis Island With "The Star Spangled Banner."

An Italian band of forty-two persons, bound for Arcoher Park, Staten Island, arrived yesterday by the North German Lloyd steamship Maun from Bremen and by mistake was directed to Ellis Island. They reported at the Barge Office pier and insisted on being taken to the island. Their leader had the impression that they were suspected of being contract laborers and said he wanted to prove to the United States authorities that they were artists.

They appeared before a board of special inquiry, which at first refused to consider their case, as they had not been detained officially. Finally the board resolved itself into a committee of musical connoisseurs and ordered the band to play "The Star Spangled Banner." After it had done so the board unanimously voted that every musician was an artist, and they crossed two ferries, one Federal and one municipal, and got to Arcoher.

TOWN TARRED AND FEATHERED.

Discrimination Against Cabbages Prices Men of Athens to Action.

WATKINS, N. Y., Aug. 22.—A while ago the inhabitants of Athens, a small town four miles from here, woke up one morning and found several rows of cabbages planted along the middle of Susquehanna street. The scandal of not having had Susquehanna street paved was thus made apparent to the town council, which hastened to close a deal with Dr. E. C. Richel, the local inventor.

Dr. Richel had decided that Susquehanna street had a gravel bottom and that by pouring tar on the street a good pavement would result. He promised the council if it would provide the tar he would the labor. So on Wednesday two blocks were covered with tar and the town retired for the night. It arose to find these two blocks coated with